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NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 7, 2013:**

Section 1-F: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Cone Point located at 55°14.91' N. latitude with the following restrictions:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of 55°07.74' N. latitude (the southernmost tip of Dall Head).

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 7, 2013:**

District 2: will be open with the following restrictions:

Prince of Wales Island: will be closed within one and one half nautical miles of the shoreline south of Lyman Point located 55°32.48' N. latitude and north of Windy Point located at 55°12.77' N. latitude;

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: **will be closed;**

Cleveland Peninsula: will be closed within one and one half nautical miles of the Cleveland Peninsula shoreline south of the latitude of Ship Island Light;

Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, and contiguous waters: **will be closed;**

Moir Sound: will be closed west of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage located at 132°00.35' W. longitude;

Thorne Bay: will be closed west of a line from the northernmost tip of Tolstoi Point located at 55°40.25' N. latitude, 132°23.83' W. longitude, to the southern tip of Tolstoi Island at 55°41.71' N. latitude, 132°25.71' W. longitude, to a point on the Prince of Wales shoreline at 55°42.32' N. latitude, 132°26.73' W. longitude.

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 7, 2013:**

Section 3-A: **will be closed:**

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from the southernmost tip of Bay Point located at 55°42.47' N. latitude, 133°29.49' W. longitude, to the northernmost tip of St. Philip Island located at 55°39.31' N. latitude, 133°25.16' W. longitude, to the northernmost tip of Blanquizar Point located at 55°37.36' N. latitude, 133°23.86' W. longitude, to the northernmost tip of Rosary Island located at 55°35.13' N. latitude, 133°18.34' W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Sombrero Island located at 55°34.00' N. latitude, 133°14.21' W. longitude, to the westernmost tip of Madre de Dios Island located at 55°23.65' N. latitude, 133°09.67' W. longitude, to Point Bataan located at 55°22.90' N. latitude, 133°11.15' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Ulloa Channel: will be closed south of a line from the northernmost tip of Point Cangrejo located at 55°20.81' N. latitude, 133°21.42' W. longitude, to the westernmost tip of Point Providence at 55°21.52' N. latitude, 133°16.20' W. longitude.

Section 3-C: will be open with the following restrictions:

Holbrook Arm, Van Sant Cove, and contiguous waters: will be closed north and west of a line from Limestone Point Light to the southernmost tip of Holbrook Point located at 56°00.30' N. latitude, 133°28.64' W. longitude;

Token Bay: all waters will be closed east of the southernmost tip of Holbrook Point located at 133°28.64' W. longitude.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 7, 2013:**

District 4: will be open.

District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 7, 2013:**

District 5: will be open south and east of a line from Boulder Point to Labouchere Island then due east to Prince of Wales Island.

District 6

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 7, 2013:**

Section 6-C: **will be closed.**

Section 6-D: will be open **north of the latitude of Point Harrington and within two nautical miles of the Prince of Wales Island shoreline.**

District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 7, 2013:**

Section 7-B: will be open.

District 9

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 7, 2013:**

Section 9-A: will be open north of 56°19.88' N. latitude (Armstrong Point) including all waters of Port Lucy with the following restrictions:

Red Bluff Bay: will be closed west of 134°45.74' W. longitude;

Gut Bay: will be closed west of 134°38.60' W. longitude;

Mist Cove: will be closed west of a line from 56°31.70' N. latitude, 134°39.87' W. longitude, to 56°31.27' N. latitude, 134°39.75' W. longitude.

Section 9-B: will be open **south of the latitude of Kingsmill Point Light** with the following restrictions:

Rowan Bay: will be closed east of a line from 56°39.15' N. latitude, 134°16.45' W. longitude, to 56°39.48' N. latitude, 134°17.08' W. longitude;

Keku Strait and Port Camden: **all waters of Keku Strait and Port Camden will be closed.**

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 7, 2013:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Baranof Island, Catherine Island, and the Hidden Falls THA: will be open within two nautical miles of Baranof Island and Catherine Island **south of the latitude of Point Thatcher** and north of 57°14.25' N. latitude with the following restrictions:

Middle Arm: will be closed west of 134°58.90' W. longitude;

South Arm: will be closed southwest of a line from 57°18.55' N. latitude, 134°59.19' W. longitude, to 57°18.08' N. latitude, 134°58.80' W. longitude.

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 7, 2013:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following areas:

Salisbury Sound and Peril Strait: **will be closed.**

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Black Bay, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake, and Slocum Arm: **will be closed.**

Lisianski Inlet and Lisianski Strait: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Soapstone Point, to the westernmost tip of Column Point, and in Lisianski Strait north of the latitude of Point Theodore with the following restrictions:

Lisianski Inlet: will be closed south of 57°52.68' N. latitude;

Stag Bay: will be closed east of a line from 57°54.79' N. latitude, 136°18.78' W. longitude, to 57°55.00' N. latitude, 136°18.28' W. longitude.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following area:

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open north of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57°05.50' N. latitude, 135°34.28' W. longitude, to the westernmost tip of Sasedni Island with the following restrictions:

Nakwasina Sound: will be closed northeast of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°10.58' N. latitude, 135°24.81' W. longitude, to the easternmost tip of Crosswise Island, to the northernmost tip of Beehive Island then due west to the Halleck Island shoreline;

Olga Strait: will be closed north of 57°11.00' N. latitude and south of the latitude of Creek Point;

Katlai Bay: will be closed east of 135°18.70' W. longitude.

West Crawfish Inlet and Shamrock Bay: **will be closed.**

Whale Bay: **will be closed.**

District 14

Section 14-C: **will be closed.**

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: For Kendrick Bay THA, and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length **may be retained** and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Based on aerial surveys, purse seine harvests, and pink salmon sex ratios, the department is announcing that the September 6-7 opening could be the last directed pink salmon fishery of the 2013 season. The department will be monitoring fall chum salmon returns to Cholmondeley Sound, Security Bay, Port

Camden, and Excursion Inlet for fall chum opportunities. The next purse seine news release will be on **Sunday, September 8, 2013.**

The management plan for Cholmondeley Sound fall chum states that the department will have a fishery on or around September 8. Due to extended fishing in District 2, the first fishery will be on September 10. This opening will be announced on the September 8 news release.

Copies of the "2013 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S5713.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates							
Statistical Week 36							
Preliminary Estimates compiled September 4, 2013							
Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	30	1,500	60,000	800	62,330	7
District 2	0	100	5,500	130,000	6,000	141,600	15
District 3	0	150	1,400	100,000	650	102,200	7
District 4	20	550	3,700	100,000	800	105,070	10
District 6	10	75	4,500	65,000	1,200	70,785	7
Section 13-B	0	0	70	31,000	3,000	34,070	5
Deep Inlet THA	0	0	370	8,500	25,000	33,870	15
Totals	30	905	17,040	494,500	37,450	549,925	66

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	4	214	8,571	114	8,904
District 2	0	7	367	8,667	400	9,440
District 3	0	21	200	14,286	93	14,600
District 4	2	55	370	10,000	80	10,507
District 6	1	11	643	9,286	171	10,112
Section 13-B	0	0	14	6,200	600	6,814
Deep Inlet THA	0	0	25	567	1,667	2,258

Confidential areas: Sections 12-A Kelp Bay/Hidden Falls, 13-A, 14-C Excursion Inlet, and District 5.

No reported harvest: District 7.

Insufficient harvest information: Sections 9-A and 9-B.

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